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DON'T YOU HAVE EVEN HALF AN HOUR?

EXTRA SHORT

NOT ENOUGH SUFFERING

NARITA AGAIN, HUH? WE ALWAYS END UP HERE SOMEHOW OR OTHER...
AT LEAST WE TOOK THE TRAIN THIS TIME.
...NOT TAKING THE CAR MEANT WE COULDN'T MAKE A SURPRISE DETOUR TO A LOVE HOTEL, BUT OH WELL.
Okay, how about we head back after dinner
THEY'VE GOT A PLACE FAMOUS FOR EEL AROUND HERE...
There's so many eel vendors along the path!
TIME TO PUT MY PLAN FOR HOT EEL-FUELED LOVING INTO ACTION!

* In East Asian culture, eel is an secret as a strong source of male sexual stamina

He's so skilled
I, UHH.
I THINK I'M IN THE MOOD FOR SOBA INSTEAD
WHAT?!
Mission Failed.
Fin.

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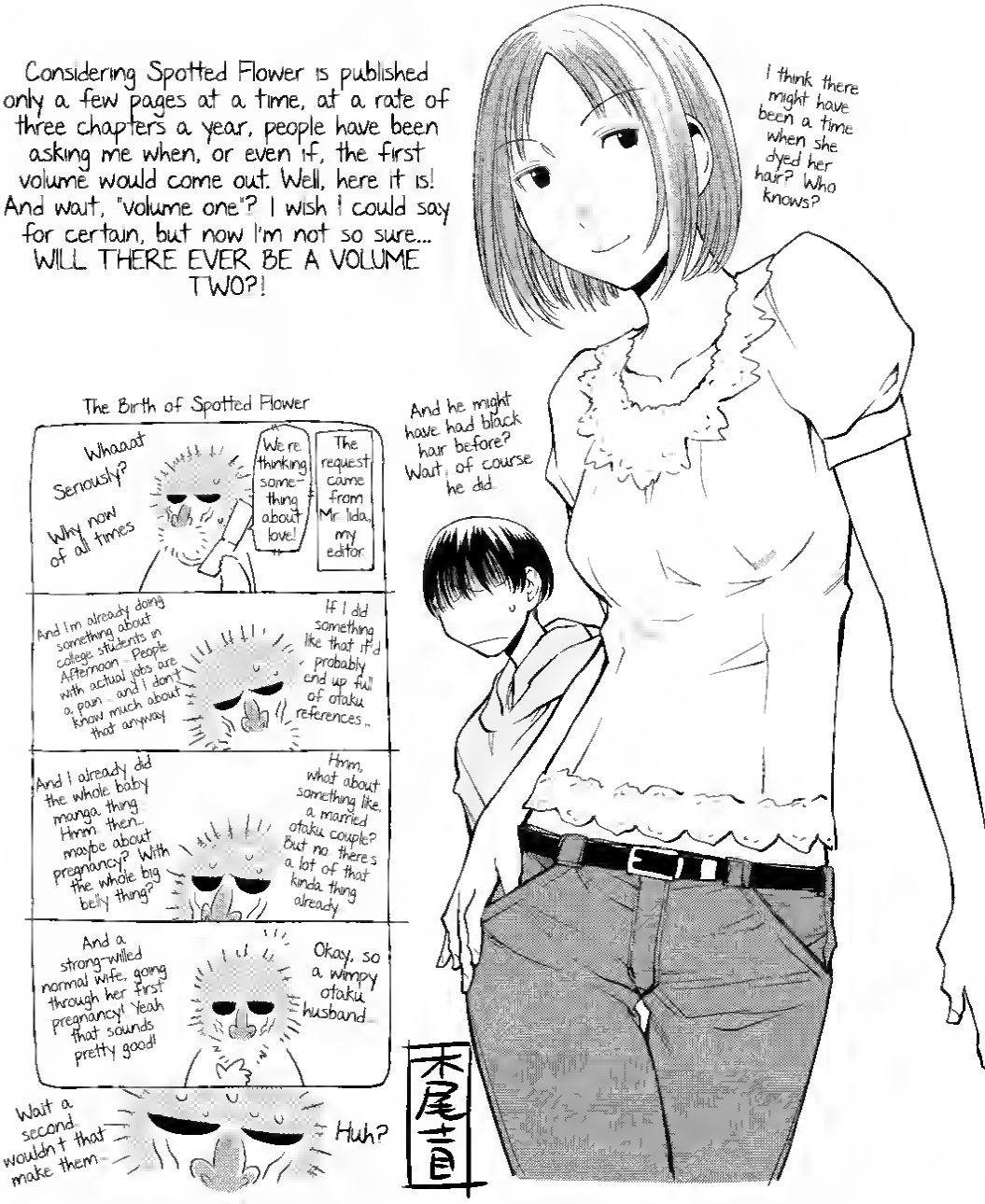
Afterword

Considering Spotted Flower is published only a few pages at a time, at a rate of three chapters a year, people have been asking me when, or even if, the first volume would come out. Well, here it is! And wait, "volume one"? I wish I could say for certain, but now I'm not so sure... WILL THERE EVER BE A VOLUME TWO?!


I think there might have been a time when she dyed her hair? Who knows?
And he might have had black hair before? Wait, of course he did.
The Birth of Spotted Flower
Whaaat
Seriously?
Why now of all times
We're thinking something about love!
The request came from Mr. Iida, my editor.
And I'm already doing something about college students in Afternoon. People with actual jobs are a pain, and I don't know much about that anyway.
If I did something like that it'd probably end up full of otaku references.
And I already did the whole baby manga thing. Hmm then... maybe about pregnancy? With the whole big belly thing?
Hmm, what about something like a married otaku couple? But no there's a lot of that kinda thing already.
And a strong-willed normal wife, going through her first pregnancy! Yeah that sounds pretty good!
Okay, so a wimpy otaku husband.
Wait a second wouldn't that make them-
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– And that's kind of how it worked out. As for *what* exactly it would make our married couple... well, my lips are technically sealed. All I can say is, I'm really enjoying drawing this.

Anyway, see you in volume two! (...if it ever comes out.)